

AXINE ELLIOTT'S advance manager is doing some beautiful advertising work for his star, preliminary to her Salt Lake appearance, and there is no doubt that when she makes her bow next Thursday night, she will have a royal audience to greet her, Miss Elliot, who in private life is Mrs. N. C. Goodwin, has not been seen here since she appeared with her husband in "When We Were Twenty-one." Each one is piling up an independent fortune this season, and once in a while they are pitted against each other in the same city. This took place two weeks ago in Chicago, when Miss Elllott was at one house producing "Her Own Way" and her husband was at another only a few blocks away presenting "The Usurper." There was any amount of friendly rivalry going on between them and their managers, and it was decided that whoever played to the lightest receipts during the week should accept from the other a brand new nutomobile. Miss Elliott had the pleasant task of ordering the vehicle, and Mr. Goodwin of owning it.

"Her Own Way" is a typical Fitch comedy in that it depicts the doings of certain types of social climbers found in the smart set, while at the same time carrying along a strong and well sustained love interest. The love story of "Her Own Way" predominates even over the social satire of which Fitch is so fond and which proves so amusing to his audiences. The play takes its name from the determination of a self-reliant and independent American girl to have her own way in her own love affair. Americans are al-ways willing that a woman shall have her own way if she be young and beau-tiful and magnetic. But in this case, while these adjectives cannot be applied to better purpose than when bestowed upon the beautiful Maxine Elliott, the dramatist makes her have a hard time having her own way. Miss Elliott appears as Georgiana Carley, with whom two men are in love. One is a lieutenant who has been ordered to the Philippines, and the other is a vig-orous and unserupulous millionaire. The lieutenant goes away, broken-hearted, not knowing Georgiana loves him, and the mine owner then deliber-ately brings her entire family to finan-cial ruin, in the belief that when she is penniless she will marry him for the sake of his millions. But here again Georgiana shows that she is determined to have hed own way, and even when news comes that the lieutenant has been killed in the Philippines, she still insists upon having her own How this leads to happiness after all is charmingly set forth in the last act

The play contains an unusual scene showing four children at a birthday party in the nursery. These little in smart language that savors of Mr. Fitch, and otherwise proves very amusing and entertaining.

Following Miss Elliott the theater announces three attractions, treading close on each others's heels. They come in the following week in "Glit-tering Gloria," "San Toy," and "A Chi-nese Heneymoon," "San Toy" has Thanksgiving night, the 24th, which is sure to be a big theatrical date.

At the Grand tonight the brilliant "Show Girl" ends its season, and com-mencing Monday night we are to greet again the undying "Heart of Chicago," by Lincoln J. Carter. The clever me-chanical effects with which this play is filled are well remembered, especially that which shows a locomotive approaching from a distance towards the audience. The company will be headed by John T. Nicholsen, Katherine Marney and Clyde Hess.

For the last half of the week the Grand announces "The Hills of Cali-fornia," a play which made a pleasant impression on its last visit, and which will no doubt do as well on this. Among the rural features announced are "a band of educated chickens that do everything but talk, a real horse, and a cow that gives real milk." The scenic view includes a sketch of San Francisco bay, showing the Gold Gate and the many surrounding islands.

## THEATRE GOSSIP.

Forbes Robertson will begin his sec ond season in America in Toronto, Jan. 9, presenting a new play by Henry V. Esmond, the title of which has not yet been made public.

J. I. C. Clarke has completed the manuscript of his dramatic version of Gen. Lew Wallace's "A Prince of In-dia," which Klaw & Erlanger will produce on a magnificent scale.

Mrs. Leslie Carter will not appear in any play this season and will rest until next Autumn. She has played al-most steadily for the past 12 years and is in need of a heliday.

A few weeks ago in Germany, "A Midsummer Night's Dream" was acted out of doors in a theater of rock, hewn out of the summit of a mountain, with only a background of dense forest and

a rim of mountains above for scenery. Mrs. Leslie Carter sailed for Europe last Saturday, going direct to Paris to procure costumes for the new play which she will be seen at the Belasco theater later in the season, following David Warfield's engagement in "The

Music Master.

Mrs. Murphy, divorced wife of former Gov. N. O. Murphy of Arizona, once the plcturesque Arizona girl whom the cowboys hailed as "Broncho Nell," and later a prominent social figure, is going on the stage. She is studying in a school of dramatic art in Los Angeles.

Kylre Beliew is to have a chance at the romantic drama again next year, it having practically been decided by his managers to present him in the character of a noted courtler of Louis XIV's time. He will not be the swashbuckling swordsman one expects in a drama of the kind, but a suave cour-

tier whose wit wins him through. Charles Swickard's English transla-tion and adaptation of Hermann Su-dermann's four-act drama, "Fires of St. John," has been published in attrac-tive form. This is one of the strong-est plays in Miss Nance O'Neits reper-

frontispiece vignette of Miss O'Neil from a sketch by I. B. Hazelton.

Clara Bloodgood is taking an enforced vacation in New York. The Clyde Fitch "Coronet of a Duchess has proven such a pronounced fall-ure that it has been permanently withdrawn and Mrs. Bloodgood is left without a play. There seems a strong likelihood of reviving "The Girl With dramatic medium be found for her.

George C. Tyler is going to meet Hall Caine, the author of "The Christian," to consult with him in regard to the and after that he will go to London and remain there until the close of the en-gagement of Eleanor Robson in "Merely Mary Ann." Misa Robson will return to

is sincerely to be hoped for the sake of Miss Tempest's future success that her new play is a better dramatic vehicle than was "Mrs. Deering's Di-

There is a possibility that Blanche Bates, whose engagement at St. Louis in "The Darling of the Gods," was one of the sensations of the theatrical business of that city, may go to London before the end of the present sea-son to be seen there in a new piece which Mr. Belasco has already written for her. It was his intention orig-inally to save this piece for next sea-son and present Miss Bates in it at the Belasco theater, New York.

Sir Henry Irving is meeting with extraordinarily enthusiastic receptions on his farewell tour through the Eng-Mary Ann. Miss Roosoft will return to America next month to resume her tour.

Ilsh provinces. He recently appeared at Swansea and after the performance of "The Bells," when he Maurice Barrymore, the actor, is said to be in a dying condition at the sanitarium in Amityville, L. I., where he with true Welsh enthusiasm "Lead,

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MAXINE ELLIOTT, Clyde Fitch's "Her Own Way."

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has been for a number of years. It is feared that the end is only a few days off. His vitality has been marvelous, but is now at its last ebb. Of late the once famous entertainer has refused all food and does not recognize his surse, mistaking him frequently for a

"The Barbarous Babes: Being the Memoirs of Molly," is the title of a new novel by the wife of the author of "Merely Mary Ann," which will be published in the autumn by the firm of Brimley Johnson. Mrs. Zangwill is no stranger in the literary world, and before her marriage this year achieved success as a writer of magazine stories and articles, under her maiden name of Edith Ayrton.

The translation of "Ivan the Terrible" was made for Richard Mansfield by Mme. Sophie de Meissner, a daughter of Admiral Rodford, U. S. N., and the widow of Vladmir de Meissner of the Russian diplomatic service. She translated from a manuscript copy in Count Alexis Toistoi's own handwriting, loaned her by the author's family. Every setting furnished the actual spot where the original stirring events of the Russjan historical tragedy took place.

"The Coronet of the Duchess," spite of reports to the contrary, is not to be sent out on the road. It is un-derstood that Theodore Kremer is negotiating for the purchase of the gor-geous ducal robes and coronets used in the production of the Clyde Fitch mis-play and purposes to build a melodrama around them. No offer has yet been made for the hat which the bold American girl let a stranger buy for her in

The people of Helsingfors (Elsinore), Denmark, are highly agitated. The tomb of Hamlet, one of the greatest attractions in the coutnry to tourists, is doomed to destruction. is doomed to destruction. The new railway to the North sea, according to the route laid out for it, will run through the last resting place of the unhappy prince of Denmark. The inhabitants are protesting noisily against this "descention." this "desecration."

"It was at the Casino that you won the title, 'The Queen of Comfe Opera? said an interviewer to Lillian Russelt.
"Yes," was the reply," and a lot of
other foolish titles. I never think of
them that I don't recall the remark to which I heard a small boy give utter-ance in Washington. I was billed there as 'Lillian Russell, the diva, in "An American Beauty." 'Gee!' observed the small boy, "The diver! I didn't know "'N American Beauty" had a tank!"

Mrs. Langtry is said to be much wrought up over the forthcoming ap-pearance in London of Marie Tempest in "The Freedom of Suzanne," a play pearance in London of Marie Tempese in "The Freedom of Suzanne," a play which Miss Tempest's husband has prepared for her use. Mrs. Langtry claims that the piece is identical with "Mrs. Deering's Divorce," in which the Jersey Lily was seen during her last engagement in Salt Lake. Miss Tempest denies the similarity of the two plays and invites Mrs. Langtry to tory, and it is a drama that reads quite
as well as it acts. The volume has a

begin her threatened legal proceedings Kindly Light," and "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," the actor meanwhile standing with bowed head and being clearly deeply moved by

Miss Margaret Anglin was to have opened last week in New Haven, Conn., in her new play entitled "The Eternal Feminine," but owing to nervous pros-tration brought on by too much rehearsing, she had to postpone it till the following week. A feature of the play will be its incidental music written by Prof. Parker of Yale university.

Gabriele D'Annunzio is writing a new tragedy, called "The Ship," for which Baron Raimondo Franchetti is composing the music. It will be played after Easter at the Scala, Miian. The scene is laid in one of the islands which afterward becomes a part of Venice, and the time is prior to the founding of Venice. The action of the play is said to be swift and intense. There are only four characters and the principal part is played by Signora Gabriele D'Annunzio is writing a new principal part is played by Signora

One of the features of the opening of Miss Ada Rehan's season at New Ha-ven the early part of last week was the premiere appearance of Miss Fola La Follette, the daughter of Wisconsin's governor. Although Miss La Follette has only a small part in "The Taming of the Shrew," she exhibited talent and, according to the New Haven critics, shows unusual promise. The young woman's mother was present. Next week, when Miss Rehan plays in Wash-ington, Gov. La Follette has promised to visit the capital and see his daughter as an actress.

Charles Cartwright, the noted English actor, who will make his American debut with Mrs. Fiske and the Manhattan company at the Manhattan theater, New York, in the new play by C. M. S. McLellan that will be produced after the month's revival of "Hedda Gabler," has arrived in New York, Mr. Cartwright has been prominently asso-ciated with the companies of Sir Henry Irving and Beerbohm Tree, has starred throughout Great Britain, and has at times managed several London thea-ters. He has acted in Australia, Afri-ca, Japan, China and other countries, and is one of the very few English actors of prominence whose work is not known in this country.

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Special Correspondence. | EW YORK, Nov. 7 .- The en-

gagement of Madame Rejane at the Lyric theater in a quite extended repertoire shifting from the lightest of comedles to the most impassioned of emotional dramas, promises to be pretty nearly if not quite the most notable series of entertainments in the French language ever brought to the attention of this public. At another theater not far away a month of revivals of old French plays by an imported stock company had served rather to whet the appetite than dull it, and this circumstance undoubtedly proved beneficial to the Rejane subscription sale which has been very large for all the plays announced. It is unquestionably a fact that Madame Rejane is the greatest of living French actresses—greater even Bernhardt by reason of the fact that her art knows no limitation of scope. Bernhardt in tragic or merely strenuous roles is of course peerless in her time and generation, but Rejane sweeps through the gamut from mere frielity to the highest range of impassioned personation and her talent is as resplendant as the ever-varing rays of a perfect diamond. The welcome she received upon the occasion of her open-ing performance at the Lyric was earvehement and prolonged, showing that in her previous engagement some years ago she had established herself very strongly indeed in the regard of this community—a position emphatically strengthened as the evening pro-gressed to its termination. The per-formance, indeed was eminently satisformance, indeed was eminently satisfactory in all its details from the charming contribution of the star to the personification offered by the humblest member of the supporting cast. Some of the plays such as "Zaza," "The Marriage of Kitty," etc., to be introduced during the Rejane engagement are already familiar to American audiences, and in these, naturally enough the greatest inthese, naturally enough the greatest in-terest will center. But to persons interested in French dramatic art in its most polished, fluent and convincing form it will matter little in what work Madame Rejane is seen—for where this actress plays she will dominate all sur-

roundings even to the author's text. George C. Tyler sails for Europe again next Saturday, his booking this against time being on the Etruria, of the Cun-ard line. Mr. Tyler's theatrical ex-ploitations of late hav assumed quite an international character, and during the past year, and in the previous year as well, more than one-half his time has been spent in Europe. It has be-come so of recent years that the American public has turned confidently to this young and energetic manager for the more important foreign dramatic engagements of the season, and the engagements of the season, and the public's hopes and expectations have been largely realized, for it will be remembered that it was Mr. Tyler who first introduced Mrs. Patrick Campbell to an American audience; he it was who dragged Kyrle Bellew away from his gold mines in far away North Queensland for the long time contract in the United States, in which we have all found so much enjoyment; he it was who alone took a chance on the diamond plated Elenora Duse and her expensive company in an extended American tour; and to this same manager is the public indebted for the present visit of Madame Rejane and the later coming of Ermete Novell. season he had also arranged for a farewell return visit of Tomaso Salvini, but the Chicago fire and the sequent depression in theatrical affairs compelled a postponement. His fore-most star, Eleanor Robson, is now playing a London engagement, and the early placing of another of the Liebler & Co. stars at a conspicuous London theater is now being intimated. Nor is this all, as the more intimate friends of the young manager well know, for more extensive and very important Euro-pean connections have been proposed to and are even now being considered by him. And, may I add—hence the flight of Saturday?

New York is mildly convulsed over the most recent vision of Miss May Ir-win's press agent, who appears to be possessed for an altogether remarkable imagination. Early in the season this vivid dreamer of dreams succeeded in videly circulating the rumor that Miss rwin was to be led to the matrimonial ltar by former Senator David Bennett Hill of New York, known to all familiar with his career as a confirmed, dyed-n-the-wool bachelor, to whom the harm of the female sex, no matter how alluring to men in general, have no attractive features whatsoever. The raport in due course was denied, but not until it had accomplished its purpose of concentrating interest upon Miss Irwin. The press agent did not rest upon his laurels after accomplishing this feat, but laid out for publication in the metropolis on the eve of Miss Irwin's engagement here the extraordin-ary story that in her will she had laid aside \$100,000 to be devoted to the es-tablishment of an American national theater. This money was to be invest-ed in United States bonds and kept in-tact until it should have reached the sum of \$5,000,000 (requiring a stretch of close upon 100 years), and so forth and so on. Miss Irwin was represented as the richest American actress, worth in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000, and the whole tale was gulped down by the leading dailies without the slightest sign of resultant indigestion. Then Miss Irwin produced her new piece called "Mrs. Black is Back," and the

an warman warman warman warman and Bijou theater was packed to the doors. The house will doubtless remain in this condition for some time to come upon the merits of the entertainment itself, which is quite attractive. Miss Irwin, in spite of the increase of her morning mail containing many letters of advice upon the conduct of her endowed theater, has lost none of her old bouyancy of manner and she signs coon songs with a knowledge of negro characteristics that is perhaps even more familiar than when she was last seen upon this stage. Her "Mrs. Black" play, written by George V. Hobart, is capital nonsense and fits the Irwin characteristics to a nicety. . . .

Three of the four Cohans are with us once again but only one of them is "featured" in the advertisements and pesters. This is George Cohan, easily the most gifted of the family, not alone as a performer but as writer, composer and stage director of the entertain ment, which in this instance is called "Little Johnny Jones" and which tells of the adventures in England, on shipboard and in San Francisco of a gregarious American jockey. The show is largely characterized by the element known as "ginger" and it goes with vim and vigor from the rising of the curtain to the falling thereof. Young Mr. Cohan is perpetually in the center of the proceedings and the impression he makes ought to be satisfying to himself as it certainly is to the spectators. His father, mother and wife (Ethel Levey) are also well received, and a hit of the most fervent description must be credited to the handsome, talented and superbly gowned, Truly Shattuck, who is easily the most attractive figure in Mr. Cohan's company. Miss Shat-tuck sings charmingly, acts with dis-tinction and "fills the picture" most agreeably. "Little Johnny Jones," unagreeably. "Little Johnny Jones," undoubtedly a popular success, will remain at the Liberty theater indefinitely. . . .

The Messrs. Thompson & Dundy have 250 men at wrok upon the reconstruction of Luna Park for next summer and over 500 more employed in building operations upon their new Hippodroma which they are confident will be ready for opening on New Year's eve as originally advertised, in spite of the delay considered by the remarkable conduct occasioned by the remarkable conduct of the New York building department. At one time it was feared that a postpenement would be necessary and the managers had some talk about subleiting a number of their European performers engaged from the first of the year. But the contractors assured them that no such steps would be necessary and they are now proceeding upon the lines of their first layout. There will be no rigging loft over the stage of the new Hippodrome. All the scenic devices, which are to be heavier than anything of the sort ever before contemplated, will be holsted upon hydraulic cranes and run off to one side for storage, and the whole operation will be produed by the pressing of a single electrical but-

The Weber & Ziegfeld show, "Higg-ledy-Piggledy," at the Weber Music hall, is beyond any question the most successful in the history of this estab-lishment. At no time during the Weber & Fields partnership was the advance sale more than \$18,000, but at the present moment the boxoffice cash actually in hand is considerably in excess of \$25,000. The warfare with the ticket speculators, always a sign of great prosperity, is bitterly waged at this establishment, which in former years was so much in the hands of the ticket s as to arouse ge The complete reversal of the old system by the new management is in the nature of a boon which is obviously appreciated by the general public.

At the Belasco theater David War-field, in "The Music Master," grows rather than diminishes in the esteem of the public. The luxurious playhouse is jammed to its extremest capacity at every representation of this touching and delightful play, and it will be in the line of a distinct misfortune if Warfield s compelled to leave New York at all during the current season.

The time of "The Cingalee" at Daly's theater has been cut down, and another attraction will fill the unexpired term. The Cingalee," as presented in London, is doubtless interesting, but its interpretation by J. C. Duff's company is a distinct and regrettable disappoint

E. G. Gilmore, the owner and mana ger of the Academy of Music, is inclin ed to view with uncommon satisfac-tion the deal under which his enormous playhouse is to present Henrietta Cros. man in "Sweet Kitty Bellairs," and Blanche Bates in "The Darling of the Gods," a little later on. The mere an-nouncement of these two attractions, considerably in advance of their coming, served to bring in hundreds of applications for seats, an occurrence as unusual as it is gratifying to the management of this theater.

It is quite likely that another season will see New York in possession of a theater to be devoted exclusively to the ourposes of negro minstrelsy. Dockstader's engagements on Brodway during the past two years have been so very successful as to stimulate the for-mation of a syndicate whose agents are now looking for a suitable site for the purpose mentioned. Should the plan develop as indicated, Dockstader play in New York each year from No hot weather part of the remaining in-terval to the other large cities. terval to the LEANDER RICHARDSON.

Drew is using at home, does as well in American cities as it has in London. Here the Marshall comedy has become rather an institution. Originally pro-duced at the Criterion quite a while beore last Christmas, it ran on through the winter, spring and summer, until at the beginning of the present season, the playhouse was needed for Ada Reeve's production of "Winnie Brooke, Widow," Then "The Duke" was moved to Windhams, and there its menry career continued until the playhouse in Charing Cross Road was wanted for Pinero's new play, when the Marshall comedy was taken back to the Criterion again, where, meanwhile, Miss Reeve's star-ring venture had failed dolefully. So much changing about would be fatal to the ordinary play, but at present "The Duke" is going as strong as ever having been performed over 300 times, and no date has been set for its with-

In no one play, promised during the present season, is so much real interest being taken as in the new comedy by J. M. Barrie in which Ellen Terry is to appear. It would be hard to imagine a stronger combination, and Lon-

doners are anxious to see Sir Henry Irving's former comrade in a modern comedy after identifying her for so comedy after identifying her for so many years with Shakespearean roles. In Barre's play Bigs Terry will have the part of a mother whose only daughter is rather a "handful," as they say over here. The place was finished only a few days ago when Miss Terry's part was read to her for the first time. It is said that she is delighted with it and feels confident of making a great success in the play, which will be produced in London at the beginning of January next, and if cess in the play, which will be produced in London at the beginning of January next, and, if successful, in the United States later on. However, this is not the extent of Mr. Barrie's productiveness, of late. Ideas must come to him as freely as ever, for he has a second piece almost completed which is in his most fantastic vein. If is designed expectally for children, and is to be given in London as a Christmas entertainment, but Mr. Barrie thinks that grownups may like it. ups may like it.

Rudyard Kipling a Man Who Was as dramatized by Kinsley Pelle for Beerbohm Tree, has been done into Ger, man and is to be given in Berlin next month.

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## AND THE STATE OF T NAPOLEON AND THE THEATRE.

by Napoleon toward the French stage of his time has been shown in a series of articles in the Chicago Record-Herald that pos. sesses a singular interest. Selections from his letters and edicts, remarks that journal, reveal Napoleon in the light of a very astute and watchful theatrical manager, for indeed he was no less, on a grand scale, since he closely studied the French drama of his time and not infrequently dictat-ed as to theatrical matters, demanding

in these things, as he demanded in all others, an unquestioning obedience. When it is recalled that the Comedie When it is recalled that the Comedie Francaise is even today working under a constitution drawn up for it by Napoleon during one of the most critical and trying periods of his life—in fact, during his retreat from Moscow—it is not to be wondered at that this master of many things should also have turned his attention to details of the stage. At St. Helena Napoleon is said to have "recalled the plays and playto have "recalled the plays and players of the period of his activity intimately, quizzically, sometimes fondly. He gave minute and fascinating sidelights on his dramatic likings, and hatted in the unassuming vein of an old, seasoned and sagacious frequenter

old, seasoned and sagactous frequenter of the fover and the greenroom."

It is from a recent and long-supressed volume of Napoleon's letters that many new lights are thrown on his relations with the theater of his time. Here he is shown as the autocrat, "ruling the theaters as he ruled everything and everybody that came within his horizon—with a stern and absolute hand—yet always with amazing perspicacity and an almost incredible mastery of detail."

In a letter to General Savary, then (in 1813) minister of police, Napoleon writes with all the knowledge and dewrites with all the knowledge and decision of a critic and a censor combined, of a play called "L'Intrigante," which had displeated him. "I confess," says he, "I could not help being very much astonished by this play. I do not refer to the platitudes and silly remarks which the author so constantly pours forth—all that was addressed to the pit. But I had a right to dressed to the pit. But I had a right to expect that the minister of police would not have permitted the court to be handled in so dull and silly a fashion." And he adds, apparently with increas-

The author is said to be a well-disperson. In that case he is a proof of the adage that it is better to have spiteful enemies than foolish friends. Never have people been allowed, in any country, so to depreciate the court. If it had not been for its clumsiness, and lack of talent, the play would have had a most mischievous ef-fect upon public opinion. What surfect upon public opinion. What surprises me most of all is that it should be a man who is earning 80,000 francs a year, in your offices, who takes it into his head to court popularity in this fashion. Put a stop to the perform-

morrows warmen warmen warmen warmen warmen and the same a HE intimate attitude maintained | ances of this wretched comedy, and alter the combination of your board of censors. No one but simpletons or ill-disposed persons would have approved

such a play."

It is needless to add that L'Intrigante had a sudden end. In a letter to de Remusat, his prefect of police in 1810, the emperor detailed instructions as to come a hellet and allegary for the respective of the start were a hellet and allegary for the respective of the start were respectively. the emperor detailed instructions as to opera, ballet and allegory for stage representation. As the opera, "The Death of Abel," had been mounted, he consented to its being played; "but in future," he added, "I intend no opera shall be given without my order." He disapproved of the production of any work founded on Holy Scripture. "These subjects should be left to the Church." And he directed the chamberlain in charge of theatrical business to immecharge of theatrical business to immediately make this known to authors, "so that they may devote themselves to other subjects." He then referred to the ballet of Autumns and Pomono as a "cold and tasteless allegory," while he called that of "The Rape of the Sabines" historic and more suitable; and he laid down his order that thereafter "only mythological and historical ballets are to be given—never anything charge of theatrical business to immelets are to be given—never anything allegorical." He then announced it as his "desire" that four ballets might be produced that year. "If Gardel (the manager) is not in a position to do it," says he, "you are to find other persons who will." And in other matters pertaining to the theater he showed kindred knowledge and decision. In 1807 Fouche, then minister of police, was found to have been holding back governmental grants due the theaters, and for this he was called to strict account by the emperor. As a token of the jealousy with which Napoleon guarded the interests of the Comedia Francaise and its members, even when his political troubles were increasing, a memorandum written by him in 181-to de Demusat, then first chamberlain of the empire, is interesting: "I send you," says Napoleon, "a statement of the gratuities I will allow the actors of the Comedie Francaise who traveled to Dresden. The statement reaches a total of 111,500 francs. You will have the gratuities paid out of the treasury of theaters." Of this sum Fleury received \$2,000; Talma, \$1,600, Mademoiselle Mars, \$2,000, and Mademoiselle Georges. \$1,000. In time, when all the material shall be available, some sympathetic mind should make a book dealing with Napoleon's relations with the stage. It would shed new lights of this wonderful man, and it would add notably to the literature of the

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ONDON, Oct. 29 .- American playgoers in London are disappointed to hear that Olga Nethersole has taken a lease of the Shaftsbury theater. For this means that the scheme to establish a permanent home of American comedy in London-which was launched with so much eclat awhile ago-has been definitely given up. When George Musgrove, the manager of the Shaftsbury, brought "The Prince of Pilsen" over, six months or so ago, it was announced that thereafter the play-house where "The Belle of New York" ran so long and where "In Dahomey" also found prosperity, would impart all its attractions from the United States. In case "The Prince" failed to make good, it was promised that it would be followed immediately by either "The Yankee Consul" or

'Peggy From Paris," and so on until a positive hit was scored. After that the best of the musical comedy successes at home were to be seen at this house. Well, "The Prince of Pilsen" ran for 150 nights and then quitted the Shaftsbury as if the place had suddenly be-come unsafe—the entire company, with the exception of Camille Clifford, going back home bag and baggage. Since then the play-house has been dark and although there have been stray announcements that another American

piece might possibly be put on, most

for a permanent home of American musical comedy in London had come to musical comedy in London had come to raught. The leasing of the theater to Miss Nethersole confirms this belief. Why the "Pilsen" company, which had been playing to good business, was recalled so suddenly may have been explained on its arrival in the United States, but it has remained more or less of a mystery here. Nothing can be learned at the Shaftsbury, either, as to why the entire scheme fell through, but it is assumed that some disagreement took place between George Mus-grove—who is not in London at pres-ent—and Henry W. Savage, who repre-sented the American end of the enterprise. So another opportunity has been missed to follow up an American musical comedy success here, and meanwhile the procession of English musical come-dies en route for the United States shows no sign of abating.

Olga Nethersole, who has been play-ing "Sapho" in the provinces since the opening of the season, will begin operations at the Shaftsbury with the long-promised new play by Mrs. Craigle—"The Flute of Pan." For this production Miss Nethersole has engaged an unusually strong company which in-cludes Herbert Waring, who played cludes Herbert Waring, who played lago to Forbes Robertson's "Othello" recently, Annie Hughes, who was the original "Country Mouse" in Arthur Law's comedy, and the veteran player, C. W. Somerset.

It will be rather interesting to see if "The Duke of Killicrankie," which John